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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A search method, comprising the operations of:
a browser receiving a user's query and submitting the query to a search engine;
the browser receiving from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item is associated with at least one site, the browser further displaying the results list;
the browser adding a selection mechanism to the displayed results list, the selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results to keep from among the displayed results list;
responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list containing items of the search results limited to the kept items; including the identified items of search results;
the browser displaying the search cart list and responsive to user selection of a kept an identified item of search results from the displayed search cart list, navigating to a site associated with the selected item directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list and choose the selected item of search results therefrom.
2. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1,
where the operation of the browser displaying the search cart list is conducted responsive to user request.
3. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1,

where the operation of providing a selection mechanism comprises one of: providing a selection mechanism built-in to the browser, providing a selection mechanism that is an add-on to the browser.

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1,

where the operation of submitting the query to a search engine comprises submitting the query to a search engine of Internet web sites.

5. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said selection mechanism input is generated responsive to a mouse-over click.

6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search cart list is any of a pull down and a side bar.

7. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said selection mechanism comprises a separate checkbox associated with each item of said displayed results list.

8. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the operation of:

providing an edit facility for entries made to said search cart list.

9. (original) The method of Claim 8, said edit facility providing functionality for any of editing entries, clearing all entries, and clearing individual sites.

10. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search comprises any of a content search, file search, and a database search.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the operation of:

saving entries in said search cart list in chronological order, where most recent sites are displayed at a top of said search cart list.

12. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search cart list comprises a temporary queue in which entries are not saved across search sessions.

13. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the operation of:

responsive to receiving user designation of selected entries within said search cart list, transferring said selected entries to a nonvolatile bookmarks list to preserve information related to said selected entries after a current search session has ended.

14. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said search method is implemented in a search portal.

15. (currently amended) A search apparatus, comprising:
first browser means for receiving a user's query and submitting the query to a search engine;
second browser means for receiving from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item is associated with at least one site, and further displaying the results list;
a browser-generated selection mechanism means added to the displayed results list for receiving user input identifying one or more items of search results to keep from among the displayed results list;
third browser means responsive to receiving user input via the selection mechanism means for preparing a search cart list containing items of the search results limited to the kept items; including the identified items of search results;

fourth browser means for displaying the search cart list and responsive to user selection of a kept an identified item of search results from the displayed search cart list, navigating to a site associated with the selected item directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to navigate back to the displayed results list and choose the selected item of search results therefrom.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, where the fourth browser means displays the search cart list responsive to user request.

17. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, where the selection mechanism means is one of the following: built-in to a browser, an add-on to a browser.

18. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, where the first browser means comprises means for submitting the query to a search engine of Internet web sites.

19. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said selection mechanism input is generated responsive to a mouse-over click.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search cart list is any of a pull down and a side bar.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15 wherein said selection mechanism means comprises a separate checkbox associated with each item of said displayed results list.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising: an edit facility for entries made to said search cart list.

23. (original) The apparatus of Claim 22, said edit facility providing functionality for any of editing entries, clearing all entries, and clearing individual sites.
24. (original) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search comprises any of a content search, file search, and a database search.
25. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising: means for saving entries in said search cart list in chronological order, where most recent sites are displayed at a top of said search cart list.
26. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search cart list comprises a temporary queue in which entries are not saved across search sessions.
27. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, further comprising: means responsive to receiving user designation of selected entries within said search cart list for transferring said selected entries to a nonvolatile bookmarks list to preserve information related to said selected entries after a current search session has ended.
28. (previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein said search apparatus is implemented in a search portal.
29. (currently amended) A computer readable medium storing a program for performing operations comprising:
 - a browser receiving a user's query and submitting the query to a search engine;

the browser receiving from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item is associated with at least one site, the browser further displaying the results list;

the browser adding a selection mechanism to the displayed results list, the selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results to keep from among the displayed results list;

responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list containing items of the search results limited to the kept items; including the identified items of search results;

the browser displaying the search cart list and responsive to user selection of a kept an identified item of search results from the displayed search cart list, navigating to a site associated with the selected item directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list and choose the selected item of search results therefrom.

30. (currently amended) An enhanced search method operable in an environment where a browser receives a user's query and submits the query to a search engine, and the browser receives from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query, where each said item is associated with at least one site, and the browser further displays the results list, the search method comprising operations of:

the browser adding a selection mechanism to the displayed results list, the selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results to keep from among the displayed results list;

responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list containing items of the search results limited to the kept items; including the identified items of search results; the browser displaying the search cart list and responsive to user selection of a kept an identified item of search results from the displayed search cart list, navigating to a site associated with the selected item directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list and choose the selected item of search results therefrom.

31. (currently amended) A method for enhancing operation of a computer-implemented browser programmed to receive a user's query and submit the query to a search engine, receive from the search engine a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item is associated with at least one site, and display the results list, the method comprising operations of:

modifying the browser by incorporating additional programming operable when executed by a computer to perform operations comprising: the browser providing a selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results to keep from among the displayed results list; responsive to the browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list containing items of the search results limited to the kept items; including the identified items of search results; the browser displaying the search cart list and responsive to user selection of a kept an identified item of search results from the displayed search cart list, navigating to a site associated with the selected item directly from the displayed search cart

list without the user having to operate the browser to navigate back to the displayed results list and choose the selected item of search results therefrom.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, where the operation of modifying the browser comprises downloading a client-side extension comprising one of the following: a plug-in, an XML applet, a Java applet, a JavaScript applet.

33. (new) The method of claim 1, where the operation of the browser adding a selection mechanism to the displayed results list comprises: the browser integrating display of the selection mechanism into the displayed results list.

34. (new) The apparatus of claim 15, where the browser-generated selection mechanism means is added to the displayed results list by integrating display of the selection mechanism into the displayed results list.

35. (new) A computer-implemented search method, comprising the operations of:

a web browser receiving a user's free form query and submitting the query via packet switched network to a remote web search engine; the web browser receiving from the web search engine via the packet switched network a results list of at least one item of search results arising from the query where each said item represents a web page, the web browser further displaying the results list; the web browser generating and adding a selection mechanism to the displayed results list, the selection mechanism programmed to receive user input identifying one or more items of search results to keep from among the displayed results list;

responsive to the web browser receiving user input via the selection mechanism, the browser preparing a search cart list containing items of the search results limited to the kept items; the web browser displaying the search cart list and responsive to user selection of a kept item of search results from the displayed search cart list, navigating to a remote web site associated with the selected item directly from the displayed search cart list without the user having to operate the web browser to navigate back to the displayed results list and choose the selected item of search results therefrom.